

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of March 7, 2008. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Restricted groups

The Examiner now requires restriction amongst: (I) "image correction apparatus" – claims 1-16; (II) "image pickup apparatus" – claim 17; and (III) "image pickup apparatus" – claims 18-21. Applicant elects the invention of Group I, with traverse. At least claims 1-16 are stated by the Examiner to read on the elected invention.

Traversal of requirement for restriction

The requirement for restriction is traversed at least for the following reasons. Claims 1-14 are drawn to image correction apparatuses. Independent claim 15 is drawn to an image pickup apparatus. Independent claim 16 is drawn to an image pickup apparatus. Independent claim 17 and claims 18-21 dependent therefrom are drawn to an image pickup apparatus. Thus the Examiner's statement of the requirement for restriction does not accord with the content of claims 1-21. Furthermore, each of image pickup apparatus claims 15, 16, and 19 expressly recites an image correction section. Also, each of claims 1-21 has already been treated on its merits, in the detailed Office Action of June 14, 2007. Therefore, withdrawal of the stated requirement for restriction – and further examination on the merits of each of claims 1-21 herein – are earnestly solicited.

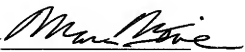
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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